

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/883,530

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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## -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 12/20/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 40-43,46,47,49 and 50.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                                  |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>02012005</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment  |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                         |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on February 07, 2005, applicant's representative requested an extension of time for 1 (one) additional MONTH(S) and paid by check the required fee of \$165.00 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Jacobs on Tuesday, February 01, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

**In the Amendment filed on 12/20/2004:**

Claim 40, line 9, delete "(104) key",

Line 16, replace "an aperture" by --said aperture--,

Line 22, replace "edge", both occurrences, by --edges--,

Line 23, after "panels" insert --; wherein the wire management means is two J-shaped channels each mounted at a 90-degree angle to each other along the rear edges--;

Claim 41, line 9, delete "(104) key",

Line 20, replace "edge", both occurrences, by --edges--,

Line 23, replace "such" by --each of said--,

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Claim 43, line 2, replace “component s” by –components--;

Cancel claims 44 and 45,

Claim 46, line 1, replace “44” by –41--,

Claim 47, line 9, delete “(104) key”,

Line 16, replace “edge”, both occurrences, by –edges--,

Line 19, replace “such” by --each of said--,

Line 33, after “laminate,” insert --and wire management means disposed on the underside of the comer desk section's work surface adapted to receive wiring from both a control switch and from a surge protection unit, wherein the wire management means is two J-shaped channels each mounted at a 90-degree angle to each other along the rear edges.--;

Cancel claim 48; and

Claim 50, lines 1-2, delete “the wire management means is two J-shaped channels each mounted at a 90-degree angle to each other, and”.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 40-43, 46-47, 49-50 are allowed. Claims 40, 41-43, 46-47, 49, and 50 have been renumbered 1, 3-5, 6-7, 8, and 2, respectively.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest, in combination with all the elements recited in each of the independent claims, the underside of said pentagonal corner desk section's work surface having a control switch electrically connected to a surge protector unit having a plurality of electrical outlets therein, said surge protector having a line cord and plug thereon; and wire management

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means disposed on the underside of the corner desk section's work surface adapted to receive wiring from both a control switch and from a surge protection unit, wherein the wire management means is two J-shaped channels each mounted at a 90-degree angle to each other along the rear edges.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hanh V. Tran whose telephone number is (703) 308-6302. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, and alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on (703) 308-2486. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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February 01, 2005

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lanna Mai", written in a cursive style.